-- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --

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-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --

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-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

a1 For a better understanding of the invention, reference is had to the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing.

The drawing is a cross-sectional view of an aerosol container constructed in accordance with the invention.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS --

a2 On page 4, fourth line from the bottom, please delete "such containers" and insert --aerosol containers in accordance with the invention--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-3 and 5-8 and add new claims 9-14 as follows:

a2 1. (Once amended) An aerosol container for administering pharmaceutically active aerosols [that are to be administered in predetermined amounts and that are] supplied in the container in the form of a suspension, the suspension [also comprising, in addition to] including a pharmaceutically active [substance, at least] substance and a propellant gas,

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[which] said aerosol container [has] comprising a metering valve [that comprises] having a metering chamber and a valve stem, the metering chamber being in communication with the interior of the container and being full [of a predetermined amount] of the aerosol in a first position of the valve stem, and releasing the amount of aerosol disposed in the metering chamber in a second position of the valve stem, wherein the propellant gas is an alternative propellant gas that is free of fluorochlorohydrocarbons, [preferably a propellant gas that comprises only fluorohydrocarbons and, where appropriate, also cosolvents and/or surfactants,] and wherein the inner wall of the container is coated with a plastics coating which inhibits the pharmaceutically active substance from depositing thereon.

2. (Once amended) An aerosol container according to claim 1, wherein the plastics coating [disposed on the inner wall of the container] is [of] polytetrafluoroethylene or perfluoroethylenepropylene.

3. (Once amended) An aerosol container according to claim 1, wherein the thickness of the container wall is in the range from approximately 0.1 mm to approximately 2 mm, [and is especially approximately 0.4 mm,] and the thickness of the plastics coating is in the range from approximately 1 nm to approximately 1 mm[, and is especially some 10 nm].

5. (Once amended) Method for the storage and administration [of a predetermined amount] of a pharmaceutically active aerosol in the form of a suspension, the suspension [also comprising, in addition to] including a pharmaceutically active [substance, at least] substance and an alternative propellant gas that is free of fluorochlorohydrocarbons, [preferably a propellant gas that comprises only fluorohydrocarbons and, where appropriate, also cosolvents and/or surfactants,] wherein a container according to claim 1 is used.

6. (Once amended) Method according to claim 5, wherein the pharmaceutically active ~~substance~~ agent in the suspension [used] is an anti-asthmatically active ~~substance~~ agent [or substance mixture].

7. (Once amended) Method according to claim 6, wherein the [pharmaceutically] anti-asthmatically active ~~substance~~ agent [in the suspension used is Formoterol or a cortico-steroid, especially 9α-chloro-6α-fluoro-11β,17α-dihydroxy-16α-methyl-3-oxo-androsta-1,4-diene-17β-methoxycarbonyl-17-propionate, or a mixture of Formoterol and that corticosteroid] is selected from the group consisting of formoterol, formoterol fumarate, and corticosteroids.

8. (Once amended) Method according to claim 6, wherein the [pharmaceutically] anti-asthmatically active ~~substance~~ agent [used] is (1R,2S)-(3E,5Z)-7-[1-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)-1-hydroxy-10-(4-acetyl-3-hydroxy-2-propylphenoxy)-3,5-decadien-2-ylthio]-4-oxo-4H-1-benzopyrane-2-carboxylic acid or the sodium salt thereof.

-- 9. An aerosol container according to claim 1, wherein the propellant gas consists essentially of fluorohydrocarbons.

-- 10. An aerosol container according to claim 1, wherein the suspension further includes cosolvents and/or surfactants.

-- 11. An aerosol container according to claim 3, wherein the thickness of the container wall is approximately 0.4 mm and the thickness of the plastics coating is approximately 10 nm.

-- 12. Method according to claim 5, wherein the propellant gas consists essentially of fluorohydrocarbons.